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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1027]

Certain Food Supplements and Vitamins, Including Ocular Antioxidants and Components Thereof and Products Containing the Same

Institution of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on October 6, 2016, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Kemin Industries, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa and Kemin Foods, L.C. of Des Moines, Iowa. An amended complaint was filed on October 26, 2016. The complaint, as amended, alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain food supplements and vitamins, including ocular antioxidants and components thereof and products containing the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 8,815,955 (“the ’955 patent”) and U.S. Patent No. 9,226,940 (“the ’940 patent”). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Room 112, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that

information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2000.

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2016).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the amended complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on November 2, 2016, **ORDERED THAT** –

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain food supplements and vitamins, including ocular antioxidants and components thereof and products containing the same by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-13 of the '955 patent and claims 1-13 of the '940 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainants are:

Kemin Industries, Inc.

2100 Maury Street

Des Moines, IA 50317

Kemin Foods, L.C.

2100 Maury Street

Des Moines, IA 50317

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

OmniActive Health Technologies

Phoenix House, T-8, A Wing

462 Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Perel

Mumbai – 400 013

India

OmniActive Health Technologies, Inc.

67 East Park Place, Suite 500

Morristown, NJ 07960

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

The Office of Unfair Import Investigations will not be named as a party to this investigation.

Responses to the complaint, as amended, and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: November 2, 2016.

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